

BIOGRAPHY

Charles O. Koons
Army Senior Fellow
Deputy Under Secretary of the Army



Mr. Koons is a charter member of the Army Senior Fellows Program as part of the Deputy Under Secretary of the Army's initiative to develop a high quality talent pool of candidates for selection into the Senior Executive Service.

Prior to selection as a Army Senior Fellow, Mr. Koons was assigned as the Deputy Director for Army Reserve Aviation, US Army Reserve Command at Fort McPherson, Georgia, where he lead a fledgling staff to be fully functional while creating the conditions for success to transform the Army Reserve Aviation force to one that met the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army's vision to be more agile, more lethal, and modular. This major accomplishment included the establishment of the first Army Reserve Aviation General Officer Command, Aviation Support Battalion, and Airfield Operations Battalion and the reintroduction of the Medical Evacuation aircraft and structure into the Army Reserve.

As the Deputy for Aviation Management and Support, Mr. Koons directed the daily operation of the 244th Aviation Brigade staff; a Direct Reporting Unit to the US Army Reserve Command. He exercised direct daily supervision over personnel engaged in accomplishing the Command's administration, operations, training, logistics, resource management, safety, and readiness programs. He exercised direct tasking authority over the Brigade staff and subordinate commands to implement numerous initiatives, programs and procedures. Mr. Koons developed measures for improving coordination among staff sections, subordinate units, and the Aviation Support Facilities. He served as the subject matter expert on AR Aviation Transformation and the Army Campaign Plan.

Before serving as the DMS, Mr. Koons had a successful career as an Army Officer, Active Duty and Active Guard and Reserve, receiving his commission from the Ohio University ROTC program his career culminated at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel as the Chief of the Operations and Plans Division for the United States Army Reserve Command, Fort McPherson, GA.

His military education includes: Infantry Officer Basic, Fort Benning, GA; Initial Entry Rotary Wing, Fort Rucker, AL; Aviation Safety Officer Course, Fort Rucker, AL; Infantry Officer Advanced Course, Fort Benning, GA; Combined Arms Services Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, KS; Force Development Course, Fort McPherson, GA; and the Command and General Staff College, Non-Resident.

Mr. Koons is qualified as a Senior Army Aviator in the UH-1H, AH-1G/S, and the AH-64A. He is Airborne, Ranger, Jumpmaster, and Jungle Warfare qualified. His military awards include the Legion of Merit; the Meritorious Service Medal (with two oak leaf clusters); the Army Commendation Medal (with five oak leaf clusters); the Air Medal; the National Defense Service Medal; the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; the Army Service Ribbon; and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal (two ten-year devices). He was awarded the Honorable Order of St. Michael for service to Army Aviation upon his retirement from the Army.